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The Honorable Frank LoBiondo United States Congress Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

Attached please find for your consideration New Jersey Audubon Society's Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations request forms for Wallkill, Cape May, Edwin B. Forsythe, Supawna Meadows and Great Swamp national wildlife refuge land acquisition projects. We respectfully ask you to encourage the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee to appropriate Land and Water Conservation Fund monies for these vital projects before it is too late. Funding these projects is critical to preserving New Jersey's rich biodiversity, protecting our natural resources, increasing recreational opportunities for our citizens and supporting our state's growing wildlife-related recreation industry.

Despite difficult economic times, we are confident that with your support New Jersey delegates can secure the funding necessary to protect these critical lands. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you to ensure every citizen has the opportunity to experience our state's diverse natural heritage. Please feel free to contact me at 609-392-1181 or Kelly.mooij@njaudubon.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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